



File #: 78640-30/Wolverines

December 10, 2015

Dear Trapper:

**Re: Wolverine Carcass Collection**

The Wildlife Branch will be collecting carcasses from all wolverine caught on traplines in the region this winter (2015/2016) and for the following 2 winters. We will be paying trapper's \$100 for each complete carcass.

Our goal is to gather information on size, age, body condition and reproductive status of harvested animals. This is part of our effort to improve population estimates for wolverine in the region and assess harvest sustainability. The East Kootenay Trappers and West Kootenay Trappers Associations supported the initial work in 2012/13, and we look forward to working together again this year.

The payment for carcasses is not meant as an incentive to target wolverine, but to compensate you for your time. We will be collecting data on size, gender, body condition and taking genetic samples, but most importantly we will be aging the wolverines using their teeth so it is important we obtain the skull. We can return the skull to you but this desire must be clearly pointed out on the labels. We plan to do the necropsy work on all carcasses in late March or early April each year and try to return the skulls later that year.

If you harvest a wolverine on your trapline and you are near the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations office in Cranbrook (250-489-8540) or Nelson (250-354-6333), please contact the office to arrange the transfer. If you are not near Cranbrook or Nelson, please see the attached list of Compulsory Inspectors and contact the one nearest you to arrange the transfer. When dropping off the carcass, you will be asked to fill out a compulsory reporting form, a toe tag and bag label for each carcass, along with an invoice so that you can be compensated.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 250-489-8551 or by email [Irene.Teske@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Irene.Teske@gov.bc.ca).

In addition, if you have observed any fisher sign (tracks or sightings) on your trapline, please let me know by phone or email.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



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cc: Holger Bohm, F&W Section Head, MFLNRO, Cranbrook  
Garth Mowat, NRS & S Section Head, MFLNRO, Nelson

Wolverine Carcass Drop-off Locations

1. Larry Hill, Fruitvale, BC  
Phone: 250-367-9163
2. Jack Hollingsworth, Revelstoke, BC  
Phone: 250-837-5820
3. Don Patterson, Sparwood, BC  
Phone: 250-425-2550
4. Kent Kebe, Radium, BC  
Phone: 778-527-0012
5. Herald Friedenberger, Nakusp, BC  
Phone: 250-265-3562
6. Gary Babcock, Cranbrook, BC  
Phone: 250-421-3575
7. Brad Ramsay, Creston, BC  
Phone: 250 428-3342